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Coordinator:

Thank you for standing by. At this time all participants are in a listen only mode. After the presentation we will conduct a question and answer session. To ask a question please press the star 1, and please record your name. Today's conference is being recorded, if you have any objections you may disconnect at this time. I would like to introduce your host for today's conference, Dr. Erwin Tan, you may begin.

Dr. Erwin Tan:

Thank you very much. I wanted to thank you all for joining us here on this technical assistance and training call on the 2014 RSVP Competition. And we wanted to provide a Notice of Funding overview.

First I wanted to go over an agenda, and then I'm going to pass this on to (Patricia) Stengel, who is a program officer here at the senior corps. So in terms of what this meeting will - this conference will cover; there will be a CNCS RSVP overview; we will provide highlights on the Notice of Funding; we will also provide a guide to the Notice of Funding Web site and the resources in that Web site; and finally we'll open it up for questions.

So with that I wanted to pass along to (Patricia) Stengel, Patti?

Patti Stengel:

Thanks very much Erwin. So first a brief overview of CNCS; the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. We accomplish this through our programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Social Innovation Fund. And you can learn more about those programs by visiting our Web site, www.nationalservice.gov.

Now a brief overview of the RSVP program to help you understand the program for which these competition funds are to be used; RSVP is one the 3 Senior Corps programs run by the Corporation for National and Community Service, or CNCS, begun in 1971, RSVP is one of the nation's largest organizations for volunteers aged 55 and over.

Those organizations that are awarded funds through this competition become known as RSVP sponsors or grantees. It is then their responsibility to recruit and place RSVP volunteers at organizations throughout the service area, as well as to manage current RSVP volunteers.

The organizations where the RSVP volunteers serve are known as RSVP Volunteer Stations. Technical Assistance Session Number 2, which is scheduled for June 25, will have a more in-depth overview of RSVP, but we wanted to share some background information with you here so you have some context for this competition.

Now we will go over the highlights of the notice of Funding. Keep in mind that these are only the highlights. Listening to this webinar is not a substitute for reading the entire Notice of Funding in detail, as well as the grant

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application instructions, frequently asked questions document, and other

technical assistance resources. So please read the entire Notice of Funding.

There are two key dates associated with this notice; the due date for the notice

of intent to apply is August 9, 2013. The notice of intent to apply is not

required, but is highly encouraged.

You can send your notice of intent to apply to 2014rsvpintent@cns.gov. We

ask that you please include the Opportunity Number, how you heard about the

RSVP competition, the name of the applicant organization, address, contact

person and phone number in your notice of intent to apply. Applications are

due no later than Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

Here you see a list of those organizations eligible to apply for these funds.

Organizations that have been convicted of a federal crime or that engage in

lobbying activities are not eligible to apply. And previously receiving federal

funding is not a prerequisite for submitting an application for this competition.

All applications submitted must serve the entire geographic service area for

the opportunity for which they are applying, and support at least the minimum

number of volunteers associated with the funding opportunity. All

applications must meet the national performance measure requirements and

other criteria established in the notice, and must minimize disruptions to the

current volunteers associated with any incumbent project.

On our Notice of Funding Web site you'll find Appendix A, which is a list of

funding opportunities. Information about the service area, number of

volunteers and whether there is an incumbent project are found in Appendix

A. Each opportunity in Appendix A is identified by an opportunity number,

such as AL-01, which would indicate the first opportunity in Alabama.

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If there's an X in the opportunity number, for example TX-1X, this indicates

that there is not currently an RSVP project for that specific opportunity, the

area is vacant. However, any eligible organization can apply for any

opportunity in Appendix A.

Each opportunity shows the maximum CNCS annual funding amount, the

minimum number of unduplicated volunteers, and the geographic service area

where the volunteers will serve. And later in this session I'll show you exactly

where to find Appendix A on the Notice of Funding Web site.

As mentioned previously, all applications for this competition have to meet

national performance measure requirements. Page 4 of the notice is where

you'll find the beginning of further details about the national performance

measures for RSVP.

And here you see a slide that has the highlights of those requirements. For

RSVP, at least 25% of unduplicated volunteers must be placed in work plans

in one of the 6 CNCS focus areas which are; Disaster Services, Economic

Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures or

Veterans and Military Families. This focus area then becomes known as your

project's primary focus area.

No more than 30% of unduplicated volunteers can be placed in one work plan

which represents other community priorities. At least 10% of unduplicated

volunteers must be placed in work plans that result in outcomes. And then the

remainder of volunteers can be placed in other CNCS focus areas or in

capacity building work plans.

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So as mentioned there are 6 CNCS focus areas in which RSVP volunteers

may serve. RSVP volunteers serving in the Education focus area, provide

support or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to

improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people,

especially children, and for children with special or exceptional needs.

RSVP volunteers serving in the Healthy Futures focus area assist with

meeting health needs within communities. This could include access to care,

aging in place and childhood obesity.

RSVP volunteers serving in the Veterans and Military Families focus area

positively impact the quality of life of a veteran and improve military family

strength.

RSVP volunteers serving in the Environmental Stewardship focus area

support increased citizen behavioral change leading to increased efficiency,

renewable energy use and ecosystem improvements, particularly for economic

disadvantaged households.

RSVP volunteers serving in the Economic Opportunity focus area provide

support or facilitate access to services in resources that contribute to the

improved economic wellbeing and security of economically disadvantaged

individuals.

Finally, RSVP volunteers serving in the Disaster Services focus area help

individuals and communities prepare for, respond to, recover from and

mitigate disasters.

Capacity building is not one of the six focus area options but RSVP volunteers

may serve in capacity building work plans. Capacity building activities are

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indirect services activities that allow the organization where the RSVP

volunteer serves to provide more, better and sustained direct service.

However, capacity building activities can't solely support the administration

or operations of the organization, so keep that in mind if you use that

particular key goal.

So let's talk about the award period. The project period for grants for this

competition is 3 years. The funding amount you'll find listed in Appendix A

for each opportunity is the CNCS funding for Year 1 of the 3-year project

period.

Grants are eligible for continuation funding in Years 2 and 3 as long as they

meet the requirements here.

They must demonstrate satisfactory performance that indicates the grant is on

track to achieve the proposed performance measure at the end of the 3-year

period.

They must demonstrate the capacity to manage the grant, and be in

compliance with grant requirements which includes terms and conditions of

the grant, the requirement for biannual reporting of performance measures and

securing their required non-federal share of the budget, and of course is

subject to the availability of congressional appropriations.

All applications for this competition must be submitted through eGrants,

which is CNCS' online grant submission system. We do recommend that you

begin that process of submitting your application early in eGrants. Create an

eGrants account and begin your application at least 3 weeks prior to the

deadline. At this point we're nearly 90 days out from that deadline so you have

plenty of time to get that done. We also recommend starting your application

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as a word processing document and then copying and pasting it in eGrants and

starting that process no more than 10 days prior to the deadline to give

yourself plenty of time to get the application submitted.

The national service hotline is available to answer any technical questions you

might have related to eGrants. The national service hotline hours are Monday

through Friday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. Keep in mind an

application is considered complete when all required attachments are received

by the application due date.

When working on your application, also keep in mind that RSVP has to be

included in the project title and must then be used to promote the project

throughout the duration of the project period.

A list of required attachments can be found in Part IV, Required Document

Section of the grant application instructions for RSVP. All attachments have

to be emailed by the application deadline, September 10 to

2014RSVPAttachments@CNS.gov, and we encourage you to submit your

attachments well in advance of the deadline.

I can't emphasize this enough, you do not need to wait until your application

has been submitted to email the required documents, you can go ahead and

email them when they're available. In the subject line of your email include

the Application ID and the Opportunity Number for which you're applying,

and please also indicate in the attachment submission whether you're the

incumbent organization for that particular opportunity.

The application page limit is 25 pages as they print from eGrants. This

includes the executive summary, the project narrative and the cover page or

face sheet as it's known. It does not include the budget or national

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performance measure work plans. We encourage you to check the printable

version of your application in eGrants prior to submitting so you know that

you're within those page limit requirements. Reviewers for the applications

will stop reading applications after Page 25.

The application should also include the required non-federal share; in Year 1

of the project the required non-federal share is 10% of the total project budget;

in Year 2 of the project the required non-federal share is 20% of the total

project budget; and then in Year 3 and subsequent years, the required non-

federal share is 30% of the total project budget.

Current RSVP grantees are required to have a 30% non-federal share only

when they're applying for the opportunity for which they are the incumbent.

So if they're not the incumbent, then only a 10% share is required.

Applications must include a DUNS Number, as well an Employer

Identification Number. All applicant organizations must be registered with the

Systems for Award Management or SAM and we urge you to begin that

registration process as soon as possible. You can see Page 10 and 11 of the

Notice of Funding for further details.

CNCS may consider an application after the deadline, but only if you submit

an email explaining the extenuating technical circumstances which caused that

delay. An advance request to consider late applications will not be considered.

And that email has to be sent to lateapplications@cns.gov within 24 hours

after the deadline.

All applications will be assessed against the 23 selection criteria questions that

are included in the notice. So here you see the selection criteria categories and

their respective weights.

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Program Design is worth 50% and broken into the subcategories of

Strengthening Communities which is worth 35%, and Recruitment and

Development which is worth 15%.

Organizational Capacity is worth 35% and is broken into the subcategories of

Program Management which is worth 15%, and Organizational Capability

which is worth 20%.

And then finally, Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy is worth 15%.

Each selection criteria response is then assessed as Excellent, Good, Fair or

Does Not Meet. And you can see Pages 12 through 15 of the notice for a list

of all 23 selection criteria questions.

Now a little bit about the review and selection process. This process includes

several distinct stages, Pages 15 through 17 of the notice describe the review

and selection process.

So first CNCS staff will review all applications to determine compliance;

next, panels of external and CNCS staff reviewers will assess applications for

RSVP grants based on the selection criteria; then the results will be reviewed

for fairness and consistency.

Some applications may be selected for a quality control assessment. In the risk

assessment evaluation CNCS will evaluate the risks to the program posed by

each applicant, including conducting due diligence to ensure an applicant's

ability to manage federal funds. Then applicants may receive requests to

provide clarifying information to resolve questions and issues.

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In the program staff review stage, CNCS staff will determine which applications to recommend for selection.

Then finally the CEO selects the final portfolio based on the results of the review and selection process. And following grant awards, each applicant will

receive a summary of feedback pertaining to their particular application.

There are a number of technical assistance resources available to you and they

are listed in the notice. We'd like to highlight a few of them on this call.

Any questions about this competition should be submitted by email to

2014rsvp@cns.gov. The answers to those submitted questions will be added

to the FAQ document posted on the Notice Web site.

Additionally, technical assistance calls will be held while this competition is

open and dates and times for those calls are listed on the Notice Web site.

And now let's visit the Notice Web site and I'll show you where some of these

resources can be found. So, on your screen now you should see the

Competition Web site, which is national service.gov/rsvpcompetition. At the

top of the page you see some text explaining the competition.

And one thing I want to draw your attention here is the RSVP Program

Regulations link. You can click this button for RSVP Program Regulations

and this takes you to all the regulations that are specific to the RSVP program.

So if you have specific questions about RSVP, some of them are probably

answered on that Web site. So please be sure to click that link.

At the top of the page you'll also see a direct link to eGrants, which as I said,

"Is the online system where your application must be submitted." This link

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here, Visit eGrants, goes directly to the eGrants Web site. So this is where you

would create an account and login to submit your application.

On the Web site you see the application deadline, a direct link for the notice of

intent to apply submission, which is due August 9, more information about

how to apply.

And then under the first section you'll see the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

This is a link that has the full Notice of Funding. Please read all 20 pages. And

I want to particularly direct your attention to a number of links that are within

the Notice of Funding.

As you can tell there are a number of links to click on within the Notice of

Funding, particularly on Page 18. You see here, "Awardees will also be

subject to the following," you'll see here the RSVP federal regulations, the

cost principle links are directly in this section. Please be sure to review every

piece, and particularly review the links within the notice.

I'm going to go back to the Notice of Funding Web site to review more T&TA

resources.

The next item that will be most helpful to you is the Grant Application

Instructions, it's here, the first document under the available documents. This

opens up into a PDF where you see the specific instructions about what needs

to be included in your grant application.

I want to particularly draw your attention to Page 16, which includes a chart

showing which documents you need to submit to that email address that I

mentioned previously. You see several columns here, new competitive and

current Senior Corps grantees are the ones that would pertain to this particular

competition. For new competitive, basically if you're not a current Senior Corps grantee that's the column you would follow, and you see all of the required documents and whether or not you need to send those. Some of these, as you'll see, are not to be submitted until they are requested, particularly items 4, 5 and 6; they're not submitted until we actually ask for them.

For current Senior Corps grantees, this is any organization that holds a Senior Corps grant, whether it's RSVP, FGP or SCP, you'll follow the current Senior Corps grantee column as far as which particular documents to submit. Please remember, those are required to be received by the application deadline.

I'm going to go back to the application - or the Notice of Funding Web site. Another particularly helpful tool is the eGrants Visual Instructions. If you click on those, this document shows you particular screenshots for every piece of eGrants. It walks you through how to create an account in eGrants, as well as the national performance measure module. And there's a screenshot for every particular section of eGrants. So if you have any eGrants questions, this is a particularly helpful tool and I hope you'll take advantage of it.

Other items see - you'll see here on the Web site are the List of Available Funding Opportunities, Appendix A, as I mentioned previously.

This is divided into columns with an Opportunity Number, the start date of that particular grant -- for this one that we're looking at currently AK-1X has a start date of July 1, 2014; the geographic service area that would be required to be served if you're applying for that particular opportunity; the minimum number of volunteers, you are more than welcome to apply well above that minimum, but this would be the bottom threshold for an application submitted; and then finally, the grant award amount, which as I mentioned is the CNCS funding amount for Year 1 of the grant.

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Appendix B is the National Performance Measure Instructions. This document

has all of the details about the National Performance Measures, where - what

particular service activities you could place a volunteer in. It goes into details

about each particular focus area, assigning key terms for those particular focus

areas. It's very helpful as you work to develop your work plans.

And I also want to highlight the link that's on Page 1 of Appendix B, which is

nationalserviceresources.org. This is the knowledge network for Senior Corps

and CNCS.

If you go to that Web site, which we'll go ahead and do now, at the top of this

page you can scroll to the fourth window here and click on CNCS

Performance Measures. You scroll to the bottom, click on Senior Corps, and

then click on RSVP.

This Web site is very helpful to just present a more user friendly format of the

National Performance Measures, and the instructions that go behind them.

You can click on various pieces of the particular Web site and it will help you

understand how to build your work plans.

If I scroll to the bottom of this page you'll find again, the RSVP Performance

Measure instructions, Appendix B. And then also Performance Measure FAQs

that were answered during the 2013 RSVP competition.

Those FAQs have been updated so that they are still relevant for this

competition, and if you have questions about Performance Measures, they

might be answered already in that particular section.

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Now we'll go back the RSVP Competition Web site. Appendix C includes

information about graduating stations and what that means.

Appendix D includes terms and definitions that are particularly to RSVP. We

use some terms and definitions that are different from other national service

programs, so I encourage you to read through those particular terms and

definitions.

Below that you'll see two different templates for the station roster. The station

roster is one of the required documents. There are two versions here available

for you to submit depending what version of Microsoft Office that you

particularly have.

Below those are the Frequently Asked Questions. This is a PDF document that

will be updated throughout the competition. So please be sure to read because

we'll try to mark a date on that each time it's updated.

It's divided into a number of sections and you can click on those particular

sections to be taken those - to that page within the FAQ document itself. So as

questions are received to the 2014rsvp@cns.gov email address, they will be

posted with answers on that FAQ document.

Below the FAQ you see a number of financial management documents.

Again, go back to the RSVP grant application instructions to find out which

particular financial document you'll need to submit. You'll see them listed

here, the Aggregate Dollar Amount of Funding Form, 1199A Form and

instructions, contact information for DUNS, and then FFR User forms. Most

of those, with the exception of the Aggregate Dollar Amount of Funding

Form, are particular to new applicant organizations.

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So be sure that you know which column you're following on the application

instructions to know which one to submit. The Financial Management Survey

is a Word document that you can fill in and scan and send to us.

And then below that you will see all of our training and technical assistance

calls. As you'll see the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at 2:00 pm

Eastern Time.

As these calls are held and recorded we'll post the recording information on

the Web site right here so that if you need it for play back you can easily find

it.

Below those calls you'll see Focus Areas Technical Assistance. If you click

there you'll see Fact sheets particular to each of the six CNCS focus areas. As

well as a Fact sheet particular to this Notice of Funding.

We're also holding a series of technical assistance calls specifically for the

Focus Areas. So as you'll see here our first one is for the Education focus area,

and that will be Thursday, June 13 at 11:00 am.

If you're particularly interested in selecting Education as primary focus area,

this may be a call that you would be interested in joining. Or if you know of

other organizations who are particularly focused on Education please direct

them to this page and help us get the word out about this Notice.

So those are all the resources that we have currently on the Notice of Funding

Web site. With that we will go ahead and open the call for any questions.

Coordinator:

All right, thank you. At this time we are ready to begin a question and answer

session. If you would like to ask a question please press the star 1 and please

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record your name. Again, press star 1 and record your name if you have a

question. One moment.

We have a question from (Linda McGlothlin).

(Linda McGlothlin): Yes. How were the minimum number of volunteers arrived at for each

project? And I have a second question too.

Dr. Erwin Tan: Hi, this is Dr. Tan. So the minimum number of volunteers pertains to the

geographic footprint of the program historically. Most of these numbers come

from whatever was funded in 2011, minus 20%.

So they represent 80% of what the historical capacity was of these grants prior

to the 2011 budget cuts. And we did a 20% reduction because of the 20%

budget cut in 2011.

Last year - in last year's Notice we gave a number that grantees could subtract

20% from, but this time we did the math and the math is baked in. So that's

how those numbers were derived. And that's a requirement of the Serve

American legislation.

(Linda McGlothlin): Okay. And can I ask my second question?

Dr. Erwin Tan:

Sure.

(Linda McGlothlin): Will there be a negative impact if you apply for only the minimum number

if you're a current grantee?

Dr. Erwin Tan:

So if you look at the selection criteria, the selection criteria don't refer to the

number of volunteers. The number of volunteers only shows up as a

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requirement to apply. So that doesn't - that's not considered in the selection

criteria.

(Linda McGlothlin): So there's no adverse review if you only applied for the minimum.

Dr. Erwin Tan: Yes. So we're only going to - the grants are going to be evaluated by the

selection criteria, but that doesn't come up in the selection criteria.

(Linda McGlothlin): Okay, thank you.

Dr. Erwin Tan: Thank you.

Coordinator: Next question is from (Anne Shannon).

(Anne Shannon): Yes. I have - it's kind of a two-part question I guess. I'm looking at the

Appendix and it defines the areas, and my question is I guess, if we, you

know, if we're not in a specific area are we not able to apply for the grant, if

we're not in a specific service area?

And then we cover part of a service area, but not the entire service area. Are

we not - if we don't cover the entire service area are we not eligible to apply?

Patti Stengel: So the service areas are predetermined, so you do have to apply to a particular

service area. Your organization does not necessarily have to be located in that

service area, but you have to be willing to serve that service area.

(Anne Shannon): Okay.

Patti Stengel: And one thing I will also note is the service areas are based on our

competition cycle, so in 2015, you might see a different list of service areas

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than you would in 2014. So if your service area is not on this list this year, I

encourage you to check back next year.

(Anne Shannon): Okay. And then - because we cover one county and then part of another

county, and part of the other county is on the service area. So I guess my

question is like, "Would we have to cover the entire county, or if we were able

to meet the criteria for the grant just in that partial portion of that county,

would we be able to submit the grant application?"

Patti Stengel: One of the requirements of the Notice is that the entire geographic service

area must be served.

(Anne Shannon): Okay, okay. Thanks.

Dr. Erwin Tan: And one can serve a geographic service area in part through volunteer stations

that are throughout that geographic service area. And once again, the

geographic service areas, it was stipulated in the law that the competition

would seek to fund grants where there was current activity at the time the law

was written.

(Anne Shannon): Okay. All right, well so in 2015 I guess we'll just have to check back if we're

not in this - the service area currently.

Patti Stengel: Yes, please do.

(Anne Shannon): Okay. Thank you.

Coordinator: The next question is from (Nan Hart).

(Nan Hart): Hi, good afternoon. What I'm curious about is - one thing is you - in the Letter

of Intent it references the Opportunity Number, is that the 94.002 that they're

referencing?

Patti Stengel: No the Opportunity Number is found in Appendix A. So the first column in

Appendix A shows Opportunity Number, the first one you'll see is AK-16,

which is Alaska 1X. I'm sorry, AK-1X. And then the next one is AL-01. So

it's particular to the state and the number of opportunities that we have in that

state.

(Nan Hart): Okay.

Patti Stengel: You'll go to Appendix A and find the one that is the one you want to apply

for.

(Nan Hart): Okay, and then my second question is, "If you're already a current project and

you are, you know, going in to do the grant, do you go into eGrants and do it

as a new, or is it?"

Patti Stengel: Yes as new.

(Nan Hart): Okay.

Patti Stengel: All applications should be submitted as new, not renewal, new.

(Nan Hart): But when it comes to the document attachments we follow that column for

Current Sponsors, correct?

Patti Stengel: Correct.

(Nan Hart): Okay, thank you.

Coordinator: Next question is from (Nancy Sorella).

(Nancy Sorella): Thank you. I am brand new at this, our organization has never applied for

anything like this and we were hoping to get one or two RSVP volunteers, I'm

wondering if that's a possibility.

Dr. Erwin Tan: So the grants - applications must propose engaging the minimum number of

volunteers found in Appendix A. Now volunteers can serve at the sponsor's -

serve with a sponsor or volunteers can serve with volunteer stations that are

external to the sponsor.

So it may be - there might be a situation where an applicant could seek to have

volunteer stations that are internal to the sponsor, and volunteer stations

external to the sponsor, but all those volunteers - all those unduplicated

volunteers added up need to meet or exceed the minimum number of

volunteers for that funding opportunity.

(Nancy Sorella): And that's based on the category that you're going to be covering, whether it's

Education or healthy futures? Is that how that's...

Patti Stengel: It depends on the opportunity that you're applying for.

(Nancy Sorella): Okay.

Patti Stengel: On Appendix A you'll see a column that says, "Minimum number of

volunteers."

(Nancy Sorella): Okay, got you.

Patti Stengel:

And that's the number you would have to have in your application when you submit it. Most of them are pretty high, you know, in the 90s up to 100. So one thing you might be interested in is becoming an RSVP Volunteer Station.

So if that's the case where you would only need one or two volunteers in the organization. You may want to look and see where there's an RSVP in your area and connect with them and become a station rather than applying for a grant.

(Nancy Sorella): I understand. And do the volunteers get a stipend, are there costs involved for the organization?

Patti Stengel:

Volunteers for RSVP do not receive stipends. They do receive some reimbursable funds particular to each RSVP budget. So they may receive meal reimbursements while they were serving, or mileage reimbursements. They also receive recognition from your RSVP, things like that, but they do not receive a stipend.

(Nancy Sorella): Okay, thank you.

Coordinator:

Next question is from (Carol Lanquit).

(Carol Languit):

My question has already been asked and answered.

Coordinator:

All right, then I'll go to (Elizabeth Delasantos).

(Elizabeth Delasantos): Yes, my question was also to do with the service area. There's a large geographic space and distance between the two counties that we were considering serving. And - so that sounds like it would almost mandate

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placing volunteers with volunteer stations because we don't - it's such a long

geographic distance. How is that generally handled?

Patti Stengel:

So one section that we'll have for technical assistance that will be of particular

interest to you is RSVP 101, which is scheduled for June 25. And that will go

more into detail about how a program would potentially operate at your

organization if you were to receive those grants.

And we'll talk more in detail about that at that session, but what I'll tell you is

in order to place, you know, 93 volunteers, as there is for Alaska Opportunity

1X, you would want to partner with other organizations in that service area,

and they become volunteer stations where you would then place RSVP

volunteers to serve.

(Elizabeth Delasantos):

Okay, and so serving an area includes recruiting volunteers and

placing them.

Patti Stengel:

Correct.

(Elizabeth Delasantos):

Okay. In that area?

Patti Stengel:

Yes.

(Elizabeth Delasantos):

Okay, thank you.

Coordinator:

Next question is from (Carolyn Goldman).

(Carolyn Goldman): Hi. Can you apply under one grant to two different focus areas?

Patti Stengel:

So each application submitted will have a primary focus area, but then you would also place volunteers in other focus areas. So you could potentially have RSVP volunteers serving in all six of the CNCS focus areas, as well capacity building and other community priorities. But you have one that would be your primary.

(Carolyn Goldman): Can you apply to different geographies as well, to more than one geography?

Patti Stengel:

So if you're looking to serve more than one geographic service area, you would submit an application for each of those opportunities. Am I answering your question?

(Carolyn Goldman): Yes, thank you.

Patti Stengel: Okay.

Coordinator: Next question is from (Matthew Foster).

(Matthew Foster): Hi. Yes, thank you very much. Can you hear me?

Patti Stengel: Yes.

(Matthew Foster): Wonderful. So my question, the first part, was exactly what the lady before had asked about the two service areas or the opportunity numbers. If one organization serves two Opportunity Number counties, we'd have to do a separate application for each of those opportunity numbers, correct?

Patti Stengel: Correct.

(Matthew Foster): And then for each Region or Opportunity Number, how many awards are expected? Patti Stengel: Only one. (Matthew Foster): Only one. For each area? Patti Stengel: Yes. (Matthew Foster): All right. Thank you all very much. Patti Stengel: But one award per Opportunity Number. (Matthew Foster): Okay. Patti Stengel: So if the geographic service areas for that Opportunity Number serves five counties, still only one award to serve those five counties. Does that make sense? (Matthew Foster): Absolutely. Patti Stengel: Okay. (Matthew Foster): Thank you.

All right, once again if you do have a question please press the star 1. We

have a question from (Amy Harmond).

Coordinator:

(Amy Harmond): Hi, I was wondering - I have already sent in my intent to apply, but I didn't put

on the subject line what was required. I put all that information in the body of

the email. Is that going to be okay?

Patti Stengel: That's okay.

(Amy Harmond): Okay, thank you.

Patti Stengel: Thank you.

Coordinator: And we have a question from (Sally Clifford).

(Sally Clifford): All right, yes. In that Notice of Intent to Apply, do we just include that

information you listed, or do we need to do some more description of our

program?

Patti Stengel: You can just include that information that we requested.

(Sally Clifford): Okay, thank you.

Coordinator: All right, once again if you have a question please press the star 1. Okay, we

have a question from (Sal Herrera).

(Sal Herrera): Hi, I have a question. I have a 19 year old project here, how do we - or when

do we know when our competition is coming up, is that from our state office?

Patti Stengel: So if you are not in the list of opportunities in Appendix A for this year, check

with your state office. Could you tell me your Grant Number? If you're an 11

Grantee you're most likely in the 2014 class for competition.

(Sal Herrera): Yes, we are 11.

Patti Stengel: So you can check with your state office if you need clarification about where

your application - or where your grant falls in Appendix A...

(Sal Herrera): Okay.

Patti Stengel: ...but you should be able to view Appendix A, look for your state, look for

your Service Area and figure out what the Opportunity Number is.

(Sal Herrera): Okay.

Patti Stengel: Your start date will also coincide with the end of your 3-Year project period

that you're in currently, and your grant award should pretty much match

what's in your budget currently.

(Sal Herrera): I believe right now we're in our third year of the 3-Year.

Patti Stengel: So most likely you're on Appendix A.

(Sal Herrera): Okay. Thank you.

Coordinator: Okay, once again if you have a question please press star 1. Okay, once again,

if you have a question press star 1. There are no other questions at this time.

Patti Stengel: Okay, well thank you all for joining us on this call today. Please be sure to

visit the Notice of Funding Web site and read all of those documents that we

shared today. And we hope to have you join us on our next call on June 25.

Thank you very much.

Coordinator: Thank you. This completes today's conference, you may disconnect at this time.

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